

founded the firm of Haywood Jordan McCown SAT Inc., Haywood Jordan McCowan of Houston Inc and Haywood Jordan McCown of Dallas Inc (HJM). Under Norcell's leadership HJM has been the recipient of the prestigious Merit Design and Honor Awards. The University of Texas—Dallas, Student Union Center was also a design award winner along with numerous housing developments in Houston, Austin, Dallas and San Antonio areas such as the Texas Southern University Physical Education Building and Business Technology Building in Houston, Texas; Lincoln Magnet High School in Dallas, Texas; Alamodome Stadium and the completed Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center both in San Antonio, Texas.

His professional memberships include the American Institute of Architects, Texas Society of Architects, the Society of American Military Engineers. He is also a life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He was the first African American to be appointed to the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners and served as Vice Chairman of the Board. He was also a Delegate on the White House Sub-Committee on Small Business in 1995. He is the recipient of the 1997 Bank of America—San Antonio, Black History Chronicles Trail Blazer Award and a 1997 Texas Legislative Black Caucus Outstanding Texans at Large Honoree. The San Antonio Chapter of the UT Ex-Students Association awarded him this 1999 Outstanding San Antonio Texas-Ex Award.

In addition to his many professional achievements, Mr. Haywood is a concerned professional who believes that architecture can be a significant part of the healing and problem solving process. His most passionate interests lie in early child training and development. He actively supports the YMCA, Boy's and Girl's Club of San Antonio and many other local youth organizations. He is a life member of both the Ex-Students' Association and the UT President's Associates. Mr. Haywood has personally been cited with many awards for his Humanitarian and civic duties.

Mr. Speaker, our Country is a better one because we have a Norcell D. Haywood and he deserves recognition for his decades of work.

HONORING MS. GABRIELLE MARIE ARANDA AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY CLASS OF 2014

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Gabrielle Marie Aranda as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2014.

Gabby graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in Business Management and a minor in Spanish, and she received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on May 27, 2014.

Her career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Gabby's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation. The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

The challenge for this young woman will be to retain as much as possible, pass what she learns to others, and live life for every moment.

South Mississippi is proud of Gabby and her accomplishments, and we look forward to her continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Air Force officer.

As Gabby embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Gabby my best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors, thank her for her service, and congratulate her on this momentous occasion.

CELEBRATING THE WEDDING OF AMBER GRAY KIRBY AND KEVIN "KIP" TALLEY

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the upcoming wedding of Amber Gray Kirby and Kevin "Kip" Talley. Ms. Kirby is a native of Mt. Olive, NC and graduate of NC State University, Wake Forest Law School, and American University. As a constituent and friend, she is truly an exemplary example of the quality leaders our communities produce. Mr. Talley is a native of Washington, DC and attended The Pennsylvania State University. His advice and council on issues related to premium cigars has been an invaluable asset to my Congressional office.

This is why I am happy to stand here today in recognition of their upcoming wedding on June 14, 2014 in Washington, DC at Western Presbyterian Church. Being incredibly bright individuals, I am confident that Amber and Kip will treat each other with the love, dignity, and respect that guarantees a long-lasting marriage.

It is a privilege to recognize two individuals who have become friends and well-respected throughout this Congress. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Amber and Kip on their upcoming nuptials and wishing them a bright and happy future together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I submit a clarification of my vote during consideration of H.R. 4745, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. I fully intended to continue my strong support of the Housing for Persons with AIDS program and mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote 277, the Nadler Amendment. I intended to vote "aye."

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THE PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA) FUNDING IN FY15 TRANSPORTATION-HUD APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 4745)

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Mr. GRIFFIN's (the Gentlemen from Arkansas) amendment to increase funding for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The amendment was adopted and included in H.R. 4745, as passed.

On March 4, 2014, an incident involving a gas line in Ewing, New Jersey resulted in an explosion damaging dozens of homes—destroying some, injuring seven construction workers, and claiming one life.

Although the investigation of this particular accident is ongoing, it is a reminder of the need to properly inspect and operate safely around our country's expanding pipeline infrastructure.

The pipeline in this instance was only a 2 inch line, however elsewhere in Central New Jersey, and around the country, pipelines with much greater capacity are aging. Combined with demand for new energy pipeline infrastructure, many pipelines are now being constructed or expanded.

For instance, a 42-inch pipeline expansion project has been proposed along an existing route in my New Jersey district. I have heard from my constituents about their safety concerns with this project which will require excavation and construction work along an existing, more than 50 year old pipeline, which runs past homes and schools.

Nationally, about one-third of our natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines are over 50 years old.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is primarily responsible for reviewing proposals to build interstate natural gas pipelines, but PHMSA has a role in enforcing regulations and standards for design and construction.

The bill before us today recommends \$131,500,000 to continue pipeline safety operations, research and development, and state grants-in-aid, which is \$12,413,000 above fiscal year 2014 but \$26,500,000 below the President's budget request.

I appreciate the Committee's work to increase funding for PHMSA over the previous fiscal years, and I am happy to support Mr.

GRIFFIN's amendment to increase funding in the operational expense account, but even with the adoption of this amendment pipeline safety programs will be funded at \$26.5 million less than what the Administration requested.

Fully funding pipeline safety programs at the budget request would support hiring 54 new inspection and enforcement staff, funding for the National Pipeline Information Exchange (NPIX) initiative, and funding for States Pipeline Safety grants.

I hope that the Committee will consider the adoption of this amendment as a sign of Congress' intent to provide more robust funding in support of PHMSA's mission to protect people and the environment from the risks of hazardous materials transportation.

PHMSA has established ambitious goals to reduce pipeline spills and safety incidents, but without the necessary resources we will see past progress halted with more accidents, sometime with deadly consequences, in the future.

I'm glad that the Griffin amendment was adopted without objection by voice vote, and I look forward to working with the Gentlemen on pipeline safety issues in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BILL PHILLIPS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Bill Phillips. Bill believes that success is driven by effectively creating a synergy of strategy and execution in communication and delivery.

Bill has a unique professional background and is fearless about tackling challenges. He began his professional career in the financial services sector, primarily focused on relationship development and sales management. He has worked for Fortune 500 corporations including Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and Citigroup.

For a brief time in 2004, Bill was a candidate for an open U.S. Senate seat in Florida. While unsuccessful in this endeavor, Bill traveled extensively throughout Florida, meeting voters and discussing their issues and expectations. Through this experience he gained an insight into politics and built a network of contacts that he now utilizes to provide political advice to clients. Since 2007, Bill Phillips has been a leader in reshaping Florida's Democratic/Progressive political capacity.

During Bill's tenure as the Communications Director for the Florida Education Association (FEA), he created a highly successful, nationally recognized campaign: Make Our Schools A Priority. This resulted in a revitalized FEA brand that energized the membership and elevated the profile for FEA and its leadership team. The campaign positioned FEA in an aggressive posture that enabled it to drive its message to key audiences, utilizing web, email, social networking, and television. The campaign reestablished FEA as a political force.

From the success of Bill's tenure at FEA, he founded Defero Advisory Services in early

2010, where he immediately began working to build a network of Florida-based, progressive donors that could work collaboratively.

The centerpiece of the organization's early efforts was a ballot initiative campaign designed to provide guidelines for the reapportionment of Congressional and Legislative districts. These initiatives, collectively known as Fair Districts, were passed by an overwhelming majority of voters.

Bill has helped to create several of Florida's leading progressive groups, including Florida Watch Action, Inc. and Project New America/The Florida Project. He also serves on the Senior Advisory Board of Progress Florida. Bill is active in the movement for LGBT equality, serving as Board Chairman of Florida Together/Florida Together Federation in 2011.

Bill is also nationally respected as a donor advisor aligned with the Democracy Alliance, a network committed to a stronger democracy and a more progressive America.

I am happy to honor Bill Phillips, during LGBT Pride Month, for his work as a progressive champion in Central Florida and nationwide.

HONORING DR. WAYNE A.I. FREDERICK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick, M.D., MBA, FACS, on the occasion of Caribbean-American Heritage Month 2014, for his extraordinary career. As the current interim president of Howard University and a successful surgeon, teacher and researcher, Dr. Frederick's work and leadership continues to inspire many across the nation.

Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dr. Frederick came to the United States at the age of 16 to attend Howard University, with the goal of becoming a physician. At Howard University, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and completed a medical degree by age 22. During his residency in General Surgery, Dr. Frederick received the Outstanding Resident, House Staff and Chairman's Chief Resident of the Year Awards. He later returned to Howard University in 2011 to complete his business degree.

Dr. Frederick's writing and leadership in the field of oncology—especially on addressing and fixing health disparities among African Americans and other underrepresented groups—is legendary. Inspired to become a physician by his own experience living with sickle cell anemia, a hereditary blood disorder which primarily affects people of African, Mediterranean, and Middle Eastern descent, Dr. Frederick is recognized as a "Super Doctor" by the Washington Post and one of "America's Best Physicians" by Black Enterprise magazine.

In 2013, Dr. Frederick, who earned three of his degrees at Howard University, was selected to serve as interim president of this historic university. Prior to this appointment, he taught and held leadership positions at the university since 2006.

This month, His Excellency Dr. Neil Parsan, Ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad and

Tobago and the Trinidad and Tobago Working Women's Committee will honor Dr. Frederick for his inspirational achievements and outstanding contributions as a Caribbean-American and a son of the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago. Previously, Dr. Frederick was recognized in 2000 by the government of Trinidad and Tobago for his outstanding medical achievement.

Ten years ago, I recognized the need to celebrate the significance of the contributions of Caribbean-Americans, such as Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick. Personally inspired by Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (NY), and countless other mentors, trailblazers, and friends who, as Caribbean-Americans, helped shape our great nation's government, politics, business, arts, education, science, and culture, I first introduced the resolution calling for the establishment of a National Caribbean-American Heritage Month in 2004. Today, I join others in congratulating and thanking Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick for his remarkable service to all Americans.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District and on the occasion of Caribbean-American Heritage Month 2014, Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick, I salute you. I commend you for your contributions to our nation and wish you continued success in the next phase of your career.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF SANGERVILLE, MAINE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Sangerville, Maine as it celebrates its 200th anniversary.

Located in Piscataquis County, the Town of Sangerville was once known as Amestown Settlement, named for its first settler, Phineas Ames in 1801. When the town incorporated on June 13, 1814, the name was changed to Sangerville, honoring one of its early proprietors, Colonel Calvin Sanger.

Sangerville has been a small lumbering and agricultural community for most of its history; its residents depended on the woods and the land to make their living. During the 1800's, Sangerville was home to a grist mill, saw mill, tannery, and a woolen mill.

The Piscataquis River forms the northern border, and the main village is located adjacent to Guilford.

Sangerville is known as the "Town of Two Knights" and gained this designation for two knights who call Sangerville home; Sir Hiram Maxim who was an inventor and Sir Harry Oakes who was a mining tycoon.

The Town of Sangerville reflects the values of the hardworking people of Maine who take great pride in the rich history they have created over the past 200 years. It is an honor and a privilege to represent the people of Sangerville in Congress, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to help them commemorate the town's 200th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of Sangerville and wishing them well on this joyous occasion.